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**EOEA GRANTS \$30,000 TO BROOKLINE
TO ASSIST SMART GROWTH IN COOLIDGE CORNER**

The Town of Brookline today accepted a \$30,000 Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant from state officials Douglas Foy, Secretary for the Office of Commonwealth Development (OCD) and Stephen R. Pritchard, Secretary for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA). The town will use the Grant to obtain technical assistance in order to develop a community-based consensus on the future of key parcels in the Coolidge Corner district of Brookline.

Secretary Pritchard noted, "What makes the specifics of this project in Brookline interesting is that the town will retain experts on land use and urban redevelopment, then through a public process, they will examine many alternatives in order to produce the preferred site plans and development programs for three sites, including the town parking lots on Centre Street, the Post Office, and 10 Waldo Street."

Additionally, it was noted, a build-out analysis will be conducted of residential neighborhoods around Coolidge Corner to examine development alternatives and implement any needed changes to ensure the compatibility of future growth with community and neighborhood goals.

"This grant is great news for Brookline and the Coolidge Corner community," said State Representative Frank Smizik. "The town of Brookline has again proven its commitment to smart growth through its application for this grant while at the same time ensuring community involvement in future Coolidge Corner development plans."

The Smart Growth Grant program provides grants of up to \$30,000 per community to assist with the implementation of zoning, subdivision, and other land use regulations that will make a real difference on development decisions into the future. Examples of the types of projects include development of mixed-use zoning districts, completion of planning studies, and implementation of stormwater and low impact development ordinances.

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